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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, in the above-referenced matter. A shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. A petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including May 17, 2005, along with the required fee, are submitted herewith.

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